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PLANS BUNGLED BY NEW HANDS

Plan to Revolutionize Republican Party and Throw Over Old Leaders Goes Far, Far Astray.

DEAD AS A 1909 CORNSTALK IF THE OLD LEADERS RESIST

Too Much Publicity and Lack of Frankness Spoiled the Schemes of the Unskilled Schemers. It is Said.

Correspondence of the New York Herald Syndicate.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 16.—That tangled web of windblown telegraph wires which resulted from the storm which cut Washington off from the outside world on March 4, 1908, has a parallel. It is the situation of the movement started in Beverly to rid the republican party of certain of its old leaders and mollify the "insurgents."

Never did a well meant plan to revolutionize party leadership, so well laid, go further astray. Instead of being forced to send his resignation to President Taft before September 15, as was contemplated by the new movement, R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, may not resign at all. It is now admitted as certain by the faction opposed to the new movement that Mr. Ballinger cannot be forced out of office. He may remain, but for a comparatively short period, beyond the middle of September, fixed by his decapitation, but he has drawn cards in the game and has a "poker face."

On the Rocks. If Speaker Cannon is forced to lay down his leadership of the republicans in the house of representatives it will be because of conditions not created by the new movement in politics. The plan to force his abdication is as high on the rocks as that for the elimination of Mr. Ballinger from the cabinet.

Instead of having been trailed to his lair by the men who asserted that they forced Senator Aldrich to make his statement on the rubber tariff and reiterated his determination to retire from politics, it develops that Senator Aldrich himself sent the invitation upon which Senator Crane and Mr. Norton, secretary to the president, went to Warwick's Neck a week ago.

Someone Bungled. Instead of being in a fair way to rid itself of men, whom the new leaders held to be a load for it to carry, the republican party is making its way to port with the remnants of a shattered wrecked spinning somewhere in the center of its machinery. Some one has bungled the wires laid for the working out of a plan, which was so daring in its extent as to challenge the admiration of politicians of ill-forgotten experience.

If the new movement had been successful nothing could have kept the men behind it from the control of the party organization in the campaign of 1912 with all the rewards which this control brings. Now the plans which looked to the election of a republican house and further political successes seem to be on the brink of failure because of premature publication.

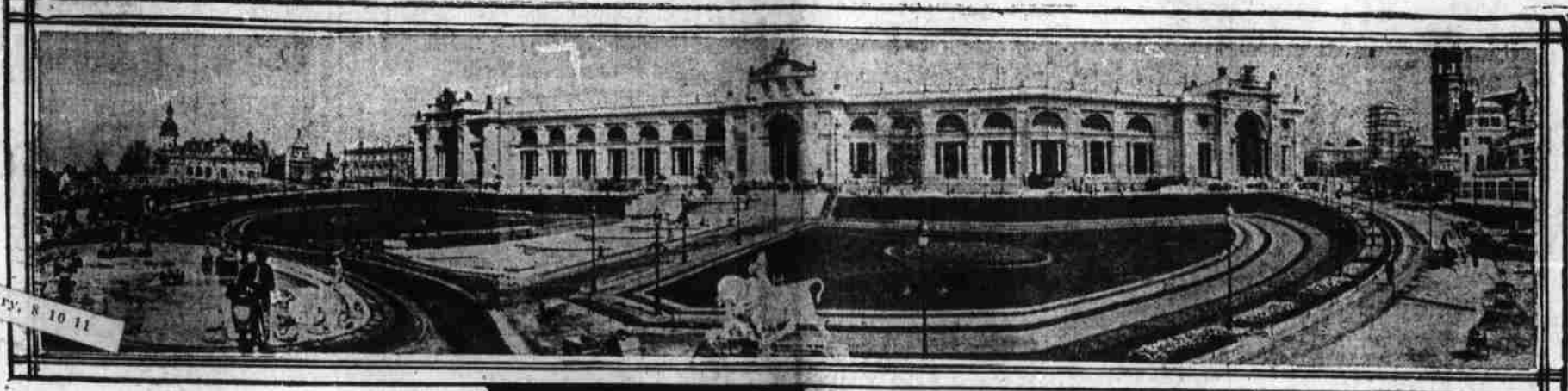
Will They Sacrifice Themselves? Only the co-operation of men whom the new forces sought to eliminate can save the scheme for the rehabilitation of the party from defeat. If these men are willing to sacrifice themselves by going out to save the party which they have suffered from still greater embarrassment than their retention could possibly have given, then it can yet be carried through. If these men, with the following they have always commanded, turn their faces to the hue and cry which was set upon them, the new movement is dead as a last year's cornstalk.

Too much publicity and a startling lack of frankness spoiled the work of men without the ability of national leaders. They lacked the experience necessary to a successful outcome of their plan. Things which seasoned politicians would have only spoken in whispers and given to none but the closest associates were spoken of in the open. No political spies were needed by the opposition to carry the plans of the proposed revolution. Before the shrews of war had been half collected, the men on whom the "reformers" trained their guns were themselves using motor batteries and awaiting the opening of the actual bombardment.

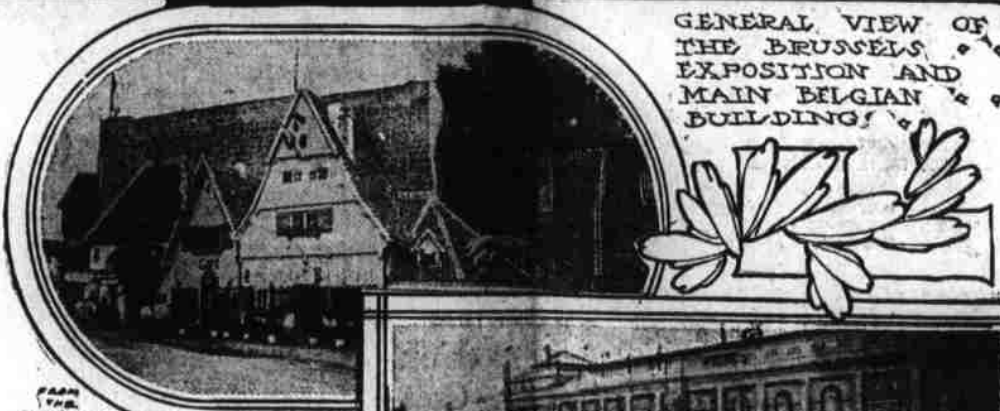
President Taft knew very little of the attempt which was being made to make his control over factions of his party stronger. He learned of it only briefly and treated it as ridiculous and appeared to attempt to minimize its importance. He even went so far as to indicate that he was not a large part of his information about it in the newspapers. He is responsible for it only in so far as he countenanced its early steps and in not having kept the reins in hand so firmly that no one else would attempt to drive.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Thursday. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy, with showers on the coast tonight and Thursday.

Scene of Brussels Fire, Where Millions of Dollars Were Lost



GENERAL VIEW OF THE BRUSSELS EXPOSITION AND MAIN BELGIAN BUILDING.



A RESTAURANT IN THE ANCIENT MANNER.



FRENCH SECTION.

GILBERT-HOPKINS CASE IS WITH JURY

Suit Involving 50,000 Acres in Graham Approaches the End, After Five Weeks Trial.

JUDGE CONNOR'S CHARGE CONSUMED ABOUT TWO HOURS

Details of the History of This Involuntary Case—Its Beginnings Before War of the States.

The long-drawn-out litigation of Gilbert against Hopkins, which has occupied nearly five weeks in the United States Circuit court was ended this afternoon about 2 o'clock when Judge H. G. Connor completed his charge to the jury. The argument was closed this morning with the speech of F. A. Sondley and immediately afterwards Judge Connor began his charge of some two hours duration. Each side asked for a number of special instructions and also the reading of certain of the testimony. The case involves the title to some 50,000 acres of timber lands in Graham county.

The jury was still out at 3:45 this afternoon and indications are that it will be some while before a verdict is reached. Several years before the war of the states broke out, Lyman W. Gilbert of New York and William H. Peet of New Orleans were largely interested in the Ducktown copper mines in Tennessee. Lying to the northeast of Ducktown in what is now Cherokee and Graham counties was an immense body of vacant land belonging to the state which had been acquired from the Cherokee Indians. This region contained some of the highest mountains in that section of the state and was watered by a large number of mountain streams and rivers, including the Tellico, Beaverdam, Little Snow Bird, Big Snow Bird, West Buffalo creek, Santaella creek, Deep Barker's creek, Slick Rock creek, Cheah river, the northern boundary being the Little Tennessee river.

When these lands were first permitted to be entered by the state, in 1862, Andrew Colvard and his associates entered 96 tracts, varying from 200 acres to about 1500 acres in each tract, the whole aggregating about 60,000 acres and being in what is now the counties of Clay, Cherokee and Graham. The direction of strike of the copper veins from Ducktown is north-southward, running through a large part of these lands and continuing on from the Little Tennessee river by Hazel creek, where a mine was opened by Mr. Adams and over which the famous Adams-Westfield litigation is now pending.

Probably desiring to increase their holdings of copper lands, Gilbert and Peet purchased these tracts, and in 1869 grants were issued from the state of North Carolina to Gilbert and Peet for these 96 tracts. In 1861 Mr. Gilbert, fearing confiscation by the Confederate government, transferred his one-half interest in this deed to one on which no seal appears where it is recorded in the deed book in Cherokee county. In 1864 William H. Peet died, leaving in his heirs a brother, Edward J. Peet, and two married sisters, Mrs. Sawtelle and Mrs. Vixby. In 1866 the heirs of William H. Peet reconveyed to Mr. Gilbert the half interest which he transferred to his brother in 1861.

The husbands of the married women did not join with their wives in signing these deeds and the one-sixth conveyance which each attempted to conveyance which each attempted to conveyance may be held invalid. However, it is most likely that the one-sixth reconveyed by Edward J. Peet was held a direct transfer to Mr. Gilbert. There were a number of the Peet and Gilbert grants that were not conveyed by Mr. Gilbert in 1861 and as to these the Gilbert heirs may recover the full one-half interest. In 1867 William A. Bartlett of New Orleans, who had been appointed administrator of William H. Peet in Louisiana, entered into a written agreement with Mr. Gilbert for the partition of these lands between the estate of Peet and Mr. Gilbert, the contract providing that each of the 96 tracts should be equally divided by a line running at right angles to the direction of the mineral belt. It appears that this contract was never carried out and the court has refused.

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SHARP-ENDED HATPINS CONDEMNED BY HERRMAN

Bachelor Judge Wants a Law Compelling Women to Cover the Sharp Ends of These Weapons.

New York, Aug. 17.—Police Magistrate Herrman, a bachelor, has placed himself on record as favoring legislation compelling women to cover the sharp ends of their hats with some device to prevent casualties. Judge Herrman has discharged many defendants charged with assault as a result of being struck by pins, which the judge declares resemble stilettos.

OPERATION ON GAYNOR GENERALLY EXPECTED

No Danger, It is Said—The Physicians Strongly Believe He Will Completely Recover.

New York, Aug. 17.—After a quiet, restful night Mayor Gaynor was further improved this morning. His physicians now have the strongest belief in his complete recovery.

NEARLY ALL VENIREMEN HAD BEEN "APPROACHED"

Sixth Panel, in Browne Bribery Case, Tell About the Same Story as Those in Fifth.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—When the sixth panel of veniremen called in the case of Lee O'Neal Browne, the democratic legislative leader, reported today, nearly all of them, as was the case with the fifth panel yesterday, admitted that they were "approached" with reference to possible service as jurors.

Judge Kerston called Browne and his counsel into consultation. Both Sides Claim Victory in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 17.—Meager returns received from yesterday's primaries seem to indicate that the race between Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlman for the democratic gubernatorial nomination is very close. Both sides are claiming victory.

Quebec, Aug. 17.—Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve are ready to leave for England on an hour's notice. They will probably be taken back on the steamer Lake Manitoba, sailing tomorrow afternoon.

200,000 PEOPLE SEE LE BLANC WIN RACE

Cross Country Flight of 485 Miles Completed in 11:50:55, Averaging 40 Miles an Hour—Aubrun Takes Second Money, Flying 20 Minutes Behind the Winner.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—LeBlanc, in his Bieriot monoplane, won the great cross country aviation race of 485 miles in 11 hours 50 minutes and 55 seconds. LeBlanc made an average of 40 miles an hour.

Aubrun took the second prize, finishing 20 minutes behind the winner. Two hundred thousand people witnessed the finish of the great race. Tumultuous cheering burst from the enormous crowds as LeBlanc appeared above Issy and from nearly a quarter of a mile height planed down to the earth.

Chauffeur Throws Baby Carelessly Over the Fence

Mattawan, N. Y., Aug. 17.—As unconcerned apparently as if his victim had been a homeless cur, the driver of an automobile which ran over and mangled the two-year-old son of George Verdi, picked up the baby's senseless figure, threw it on a lawn beside the road, coolly climbed back into the automobile and sped away.

Mr. Spink Draws the Line on Marrying the Family

Cleveland, O., Aug. 17.—Frederick Spink draws the line on marrying an entire family and has asked for a divorce from Otis Spink.

INSURGENT IS NOMINATED. Hiram Johnson Will Oppose Theodore Bell, Democrat, for Governor in California.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—As a result of yesterday's primaries Hiram Johnson, "insurgent" republican, will oppose Theodore Bell, democrat, in the gubernatorial race.

Crippen and Miss Le Neve Ready to Return. Quebec, Aug. 17.—Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve are ready to leave for England on an hour's notice.

Wreckage Spilled Over Four Tracks. Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—A rear-end collision of freight trains on the Pennsylvania railroad at Ardmore today spilled wreckage over four tracks, completely blocking traffic for hours.

STOOD OFF A MOB FOR FIVE HOURS

Negro Officers Were Guarding Was Badly Wanted, Too, by the Mob of 1000 Men.

HAD WOUNDED RAILROAD MAN AND MURDERED HIS BRIDE

On Troops' Arrival, Officers Spirited Man into Woods, Landing Him in Jail Today.

Hinton, Va., Aug. 17.—Sheriff Wiseman and his deputies this morning succeeded in landing in jail Thomas Raymond, a negro who, it is believed attacked and robbed brakeman John Arliss Sunday night, then assaulted and murdered his bride of three weeks. Arliss is near death in a hospital. The arrival of troops last night made it possible to save the negro's life.

For five hours the sheriff and 30 deputies held the negro on a special train, which the mob of 1000 refused to let move. Troops arrived on the scene and, holding the mob leaders at the point of bayonets, permitted the sheriff to escape to the mountains with the prisoner. Orders have been issued for the immediate return of the troops to their homes.

MOB VERY ANGRY

Directly under the nose of a lawless mob bent on having the life of the negro, the officers last night escaped from a Pullman car in which they had guarded their prisoner for five hours and took to the woods with their prisoner. As soon as the mob learned that the prisoner had been carried away when almost within their grasp their anger broke out afresh. They scattered into groups and began searching the woods for the negro and the officer.

The negro was arrested by a railroad detective during the day. Immediately the mob began to gather and within two hours it had reached proportions that made the officers realize that they were unable to cope with the situation. On appeal the governor ordered the militia to Hinton. It was after midnight when the troops arrived. Just before dark officers attempted to place the negro on a train to take him away. The mob soon learned the purpose of the move but allowed the officers to get the prisoner into a Pullman car. Then the rioters uncoupled the engine, cut the air hose and resolutely refused to allow the train to move. They guarded the car until 9 o'clock, when the troops came and officers and prisoner escaped by a ruse into the woods. The crime for which the negro was wanted occurred Sunday night. John Ailiss and his wife were walking on the railroad tracks near Quinnemont, W. Va. A negro knocked Ailiss down. After kicking him into insensibility the negro assaulted Mrs. Ailiss, who was a bride of three weeks, and then murdered her. Ailiss recovered enough Monday morning to tell the story but is now in a critical condition. He tried to identify the negro today. He said he was not certain but suggested that the negro be held until he recovered. The saloons were closed last night. All electric light wires were cut throwing the town into darkness.

FATAL STREET FIGHT

Horse Thief Is Killed by Deputy Sheriff and Sheriff Is Probably Fatally Wounded.

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 17.—In a street fight between two alleged horse thieves and sheriff's officers George Chitwood, one of the thieves, was instantly killed today by a deputy sheriff and Sheriff Jade Haupt was probably fatally wounded.

TAFT LOOKING INTO INDIANS' AFFAIRS

Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 17.—Responsive to a request from Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine, the special congressional committee investigating Indian land affairs has forwarded to Beverly, Mass., a statement conveying the amount of attorney's fees paid by Indians. The statement is for President Taft's use.

MARKED CALM AFTER STORM

Griscom Says Roosevelt-Hughes vs. Organization Fight Will Go to Primaries and Convention.

STRUGGLE WILL BE CARRIED TO EVERY CORNER OF STATE

Reputation by the Committee Does Not Mean That the Ex-President Has Been Put Out of Business.

Beverly, Aug. 17.—Vice President Sherman arrived in Beverly today and proceeded to the executive office, where he had a long conference with Secretary Norton, prior to going to Burgh's Point to spend the afternoon with the president. It is supposed Roosevelt's defeat in the republican committee meeting yesterday and it is probable the effect on the New York political situation had some bearing on Mr. Sherman's visit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—There was a marked calm in the republican political situation following the storm of yesterday when the "old guard" in the republican state committee voted down Theodore Roosevelt's name for temporary chairman of the approaching state convention at Saratoga.

County Chairman Griscom, who presented Mr. Roosevelt's name yesterday, after a conference with the former president, says the fight will be carried to the primaries and to the convention. That Mr. Roosevelt intends, as a delegate to the state convention, to urge a progressive platform and candidate for governor is clearly indicated this morning, politicians say. In the colonel's statement, issued last night, What He Said.

The statement follows: "To the various persons who asked me whether I would accept the position of temporary chairman of the state convention, I said that I would do so only if they were sure, after knowing my attitude, that they desired me because my speech would be of such a character that it might help if the convention nominated the right kind of a man on a clear cut, progressive platform; but that it would hurt if neither the right kind of a man were nominated nor the right kind of platform adopted." Although repudiated, it does not necessarily mean that Colonel Roosevelt will not be temporary chairman after all. The convention delegates themselves will decide who is to open the meeting and deliver the "keynote speech."

"ROOSEVELT" Chief Issue

In the interval between now and September 27 it is expected that the struggle between the organization and Roosevelt-Hughes forces will be carried into every corner of the state and that the chief issue will be at the primaries for the election of Roosevelt or anti-Roosevelt delegates to the convention. Jim In It?

Whether Mr. Sherman lent his support to the movement which resulted in Colonel Roosevelt's defeat has not been established definitely. William T. Ward of Westchester, national committeeman, who was one of the leaders in the anti-Roosevelt combine, is quoted as having said that Mr. Sherman knew all about the plans to make him, and not Colonel Roosevelt temporary chairman. Others who took part in the meeting were of the opinion that Mr. Sherman knew nothing of it. Mr. Griscom, chairman of the New York republican county committee, who presented the colonel's name, said: "I do not know whether today's action of the committee will have any effect on Mr. Roosevelt's attitude during the state campaign. Mr. Roosevelt is to be a delegate to the convention if he can get to it. He would have prevented the action taken. The selection of Vice President Sherman cannot be construed as an endorsement of the Taft administration which reached no such endorsement. Colonel Roosevelt took luncheon with Mr. Ward after the meeting. The only thing that is known as to what he said to the national committeeman is that he laughed and told him that he understood now why Mr. Ward and other members of the state committee were not anxious to meet him until after today's meeting."

Refused Sight of His Wife, Kills Himself

Norfolk, Aug. 17.—Charles Akers, aged 37, formerly of Lynchburg, Va., was found shot in front of the home of his father-in-law, William Hayes in Huntersville today. He was denied the privilege of seeing his wife and shot himself. He was recently separated from his wife.

Imaginary Foo Gloriously Repulsed. Norfolk, Aug. 17.—Two attacks by imaginary foe upon Fort Monroe were detected and successfully repelled last night by the regular and Virginia volunteer coast artilleries inside the fort.